

Subject: Barnes Nursery Dike Project
Resent-From: BarnesNursery.Comments@noaa.gov
Date: Tue, 17 Dec 2002 06:18:47 EST
From: <Kayakevin@aol.com>
To: barnesnursery.comments@noaa.gov

Please stop the Barnes Nursery Dike Project. Those of us who live on the shores of Lake Erie know the negative impact this project will cause. Sheldon's Marsh is one of the precious gems on Lake Eries southern shore, one of the only remaining wildlife sanctuaries in this area of the Lake.

This project, which the Barnes company claims is to obtain water for their trees, is simply a veiled attempt at deep water access for further development. It appears more and more that this is true as they have other, far easier ways to obtain water.

Why else would they be pushing this so far, knowing that there is so much opposition to their project. It can only be a far-flung real estate venture, with boat access that would result in a lucrative return for all this trouble and money.

Please, stop this project before they do more damage to our environment. These people care nothing for the environment, only for the pursuit of more money.

Kevin Young
125 Center St.
Huron, Oh 44839

Subject: pipeline

Resent-From: Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov

Date: Mon, 16 Dec 2002 15:54:36 -0500

From: Mark Roth <marcar2@optonline.net>

To: millennium.comments@noaa.gov

Rockland County has enough potential problems with Indian Point and doesn't need another one with a dangerous gas pipeline in the middle of Palisades Parkway. Put the pipeline under the Hudson River away from populated areas.

Thanks,
Mark Roth

Subject: Barnes Nursery

Resent-From: BarnesNursery.Comments@noaa.gov

Date: Mon, 16 Dec 2002 22:18:57 -0500

From: m & n delong <delong@accnorwalk.com>

To: barnesnursery.comments@noaa.gov

Please restore the Sheldon Marsh to the pre-construction condition This
area is too valuable to be destroyed for one company's profits.

(no subject)

Subject: (no subject)

Resent-From: BarnesNursery.Comments@noaa.gov

Date: Mon, 16 Dec 2002 09:30:27 EST

From: <Sal1willie@aol.com>

To: barnesnursery.comments@noaa.gov

The Sheldon Marsh area is magnificent. It is one of only two areas that I know of where people can have access to our Lake Erie ecosystem with its interesting community of plants and animals. (Magee Marsh being the other) We have preserved so little in Ohio. Please do what you can to insure that nothing happens to disrupt this beautiful nature area. Let construction and human progress be done in other areas of Ohio, but not near this area so important both to wildlife and people.

Peace to all.

Love, Sal & Willie

Subject: Object to wetlands disruption, local expert.

Resent-From: BarnesNursery.Comments@noaa.gov

Date: Mon, 16 Dec 2002 17:07:03 EST

From: <Jablakeman@aol.com>

To: barnesnursery.comments@noaa.gov..nems.noaa.gov

Dear Ms. Holt

I am a local (Erie County, Ohio) natural history expert, ecologist, and professional native landscapes designer. In the 1970s, when the Sheldon Marsh State Nature Preserve was still privately owned, I wrote the original ecological site assessment, from which the State of Ohio decided to accept the land's donation as a state natural area.

As you know well, the marsh in question (the Barnes project) is among the highest quality open, un-diked marshes left in all the Great Lakes, not just on Lake Erie. I am intimately familiar with the wetland and upland habitats of the entire area, and the illegal, unpermitted dredging by Barnes Nursery is a clearly present danger and disruption of the Category III wetlands through which it has been surreptitiously installed.

Continuance of the disruption, in any form, will continue to degrade the wetlands by a number of processes, but particularly by the provision of habitat for aggressive ecotypes of *Phragmites australis* and other marsh-consuming alien weeds. These aggressive species have already colonized the Barnes' dikes in the wetland, from which they will continue to colonize the otherwise incomparable shallow water-mudflat habitat.

The disruption of the marsh's hydrology is described by others. Drainage disruptions directly impact the quality of the marsh, and on this basis alone any further disruption should be prohibited. Restoration of the entire marsh environment, particularly the destruction of the created dikes and refilling of the dredged areas must be completed in 2003. Any delay will permanently degrade this high quality marsh.

Sincerely,

John A. Blakeman

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Subject:**Resent-From:** BarnesNursery.Comments@noaa.gov**Date:** Mon, 16 Dec 2002 05:05:08 +0000**From:** "Chris Crook" <chris_crook@hotmail.com>**To:** barnesnursery.comments@noaa.gov

Please, be a government agency that cares about the environment, even if our leader doesn't. Restore Sheldon Marsh State Nature Preserve in Ohio.
Chris Crook
Zanesville Ohio

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Subject: Sheldon Marsh

Resent-From: BarnesNursery.Comments@noaa.gov

Date: Mon, 16 Dec 2002 06:45:01 -0500

From: "Michele Hendrick" <MLHBIRDER@msn.com>

To: <barnesnursery.comments@noaa.gov>

It's a calm quiet spring morning in the marsh. The sounds of warblers drifts toward the water from the woods. Marsh wrens are hanging from the cattails, red-winged blackbirds and swallows are like fireflies in the skies. Stately great blue herons, green heron and great egrets search for fish throughout the marsh. A bald eagle soars above my head. I am at rejuvenated watching the peaceful scene.

How do I explain to the children with me that it will be all be gone if Barnes Nursery is allowed to continue building their dike/channel? What will happen to all the birds, fish and countless other creatures I cannot see?

If this destruction is allowed to continue, what will happen to all the other marshes? Where will I go be find the peace?

Michele Hendrick
Wadsworth OH

Subject: Sheldon Marsh

Resent-From: BarnesNursery.Comments@noaa.gov

Date: Sun, 15 Dec 2002 17:57:25 EST

From: <Jacamar2@aol.com>

To: barnesnursery.comments@noaa.gov

Please act to restore Sheldon Marsh to the condition it was before the appalling dike and channel project was undertaken without the requisite permits. To allow this project after the fact would be to undermine the entire process of permits and make a laughing stock of the efforts of environmentalists as well as governmental organizations whose goal is to examine projects BEFORE they are undertaken. Sheldon Marsh is a vital area in the Ohio ecosystem. It must be restored. Please.

Suzanne Wagner, Pepper Pike

Subject: Sheldon Marsh

Resent-From: BarnesNursery.Comments@noaa.gov

Date: Sun, 15 Dec 2002 18:01:03 EST

From: <Jacamar2@aol.com>

To: barnesnursery.comments@noaa.gov

Act to uphold the laws and to enforce the wetlands and coastal areas legislation of our country. Do not accept the appeal of the dike/channel project which has badly damaged the precious area of Sheldon Marsh. Your actions are being watched throughout the country. Stand firm and show that Ohio is a leader, not a patsy to be manipulated by developers. The actions you take now will have enormous impact. Make that impact positive rather than negative. Demand that Sheldon Marsh be restored to its original condition.

Henry King, Pepper Pike

Subject: Barnes Nursery/Sheldon Marsh State Nature Preserve
Resent-From: BarnesNursery.Comments@noaa.gov
Date: Sun, 15 Dec 2002 19:24:51 -0500
From: "Thomas Ross" <tross@sssnet.com>
To: <barnesnursery.comments@noaa.gov>

Molly Holt
NOAA, Department of Commerce
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Silver Springs MD 20910

As a citizen of Ohio and the USA I call on all authorities to demand preservation of Sheldon Marsh State Nature Preserve, Erie County, Ohio by requiring removal of the Barnes Nursery water supply ditch and dike that has been ILLEGALLY CONSTRUCTED and is damaging water quality and natural processes in the Marsh.

Thomas B. Ross, 1721 10th Street N.E., Massillon OH 44646

Copies to:
State Representative Kirk Schuring
State Senator Scott Oelslager
Governor Robert Taft
Congressman Ralph Regula
Senator George Voinovich
Senator Mike DeWine
Christine Whitman , Federal EPA
Christopher Jones, Ohio EPA

Subject: Illegal dike project adjacent to Sheldon's Marsh
Resent-From: BarnesNursery.Comments@noaa.gov
Date: Sun, 15 Dec 2002 18:34:50 -0800 (PST)
From: Gregory Bennett <grebe922@sbcglobal.net>
To: barnesnursery.comments@noaa.gov

To whom it may concern,

As a lifelong resident of Ohio I would like to express my concerns about the activities of Barnes Nursery. I feel that as a taxpayer and owner of the property known as Sheldon's Marsh State Nature Preserve, my rights of due process of law have been denied. I would like to see Barnes Nursery pursue other legal alternatives to their dike project such as purchasing water from the County and not taking it from my Nature Preserve.

It has also been brought to my attention that illegal waterfowl hunting has been occurring on State Nature Preserve. This is unacceptable. It is my hope that Sheldon's Marsh will be restored to it's original preconstruction condition.

Sincerely,

Gregory R Bennett
Stow, OH

Subject: oppose Barnes Nursery's appeal
Resent-From: BarnesNursery.Comments@noaa.gov
Date: Sun, 15 Dec 2002 21:44:50 -0500
From: "Eric P. Mayer" <mayer@bright.net>
To: <barnesnursery.comments@noaa.gov>
CC: "Dean E Sheldon, JR" <seedbed@accnorwalk.com>

I oppose Barnes Nursery's appeal of the April decision by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency to deny the permit for the dike and channel built in 2000.

Restore Sheldon Marsh to its original pre-construction condition.

Eric P. Mayer
1049 Elmarna Avenue
Ashland, OH 44805

Subject: Sheldon Marsh
Resent-From: GCOS.Inquiries@noaa.gov
Date: Sun, 8 Dec 2002 06:02:46 -0800 (PST)
From: Lawrence Rospierski <lroper@ameritech.net>
To: gcos.inquiries@noaa.gov

To Whom It May Concern:

If you overturn the Ohio ruling on the Sheldon Marsh State Nature Preserve, a very dangerous precedent will be set. Please preserve Sheldon Marsh and rule in favor of restoring it to its pre-construction condition. As concerned Michigan residents, we feel the demise of the Ohio ruling would serve to undermine all the wetlands and coastal regulations in the country. Please make a concientious decision for the preservation of wildlife for us and future generations.

Sincerely,

Larry & Therese Rospierski